



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 6472

LCO No. 3495

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Referred to Committee on Insurance and Real Estate

Introduced by:
(INS)

***AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR
OSTOMY SUPPLIES.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 38a-492j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

3 Each individual health insurance policy providing coverage of the
4 type specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-
5 469 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in
6 this state that provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall include
7 coverage, up to [one] five thousand dollars annually, for medically
8 necessary appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy including, but
9 not limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies,
10 skin barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section, "ostomy"
11 includes colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. Payments under this
12 section shall not be applied to any policy maximums for durable
13 medical equipment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to
14 decrease policy benefits in excess of the limits in this section.

15 Sec. 2. Section 38a-518j of the general statutes is repealed and the

16 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective January 1, 2012*):

17 Each group health insurance policy providing coverage of the type
18 specified in subdivisions (1), (2), (4), (11) and (12) of section 38a-469
19 delivered, issued for delivery, renewed, amended or continued in this
20 state that provides coverage for ostomy surgery shall include coverage,
21 up to [one] five thousand dollars annually, for medically necessary
22 appliances and supplies relating to an ostomy including, but not
23 limited to, collection devices, irrigation equipment and supplies, skin
24 barriers and skin protectors. As used in this section, "ostomy" includes
25 colostomy, ileostomy and urostomy. Payments under this section shall
26 not be applied to any policy maximums for durable medical
27 equipment. Nothing in this section shall be deemed to decrease policy
28 benefits in excess of the limits in this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-492j
Sec. 2	<i>January 1, 2012</i>	38a-518j

Statement of Purpose:

To expand health insurance coverage of ostomy-related supplies from one thousand dollars annually to five thousand dollars annually.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]